

Beat Holbrook . . . And Odds

Skipper Five Like Truman, Braves, Cong

By Steve MacQuarrie

What does Cohasset High basketball have in common with Harry Truman, the 1914 Boston Braves and the Viet Cong?

One common denominator is that all four won when the odds were against them. The Skippers joined this eclectic aggregation with a stunning 66 - 55 win over favored Holbrook last Tuesday. Cohasset then raised its record to 8 - 2 with an easy 100 - 64 win.

Century Score**CHS Record**

Cohasset's High School basketball varsity smashed a school scoring record pouring in 100 points to inundate Norwell, 100-64, last week.

over Norwell on Friday.

Holbrook entered the game with some impressive credentials — undefeated, first place in the South Shore League, and ranked seventh among approximately 80 Eastern Massachusetts Division II schools — and an ego to match. The Skippers were impressed by neither the credentials nor the ego. "The kids are taking winning in stride," said Coach John LeVangie after the game. "They know their capabilities and they expect to win games."

LeVangie had scouted Holbrook earlier and that endeavor produced some notable results. Having determined that guard Peter Economeau was the key to the Holbrook offense, LeVangie assigned senior Brian Keating to de-

fend against him. Though offense has been his hallmark to date, Keating turned in an excellent defensive job, limiting Economeau to just 8 points, well below his 20 per game average.

But despite Keating's waltzing around the floor after Economeau like Fred Astaire with Ginger Rogers, Cohasset still trailed 32 - 26 at the half. Here LeVangie elected to add an extra big man — Rich Tebbetts — to his lineup to take advantage of Holbrook's having only one player comparable in size. The Skippers quickly erased the deficit and then, led by the 6'4" Tebbetts' 11 fourth quarter points, ran circles around Holbrook, outscoring them 24

- 11 in the last period.

Tebbetts was high scorer for either side with 17, while co-captain Paul Farren notched 14, guard John Hawley had 12, and Keating added 11 to his defensive masterpiece.

LeVangie had special praise for Howley, calling his game "The best he's had for us in 2 years. Ordinarily his assignment is to pass the ball and step the opposition's fast break, and he's excellent at it. Tonight we got all that from John and some offense, too."

Despite the fact that Cohasset wrapped up the Norwell game midway through the third quarter, its most exciting moment came in the closing seconds as the Skipper substitutes struggled to push the total over the hundred mark. And just to make it interest-

ing, they waited until the game was over to do it. A Bill Taylor foul shot after time had expired set off pandemonium in Sullivan gym and created the final score of 100 - 64.

A third quarter barrage in which a Cohasset quintet of Tom Higgins, Matt Salerno, Howley, Farren and Keating shot a blistering 78 per cent from the floor and outscored the Clippers 33 - 8 cemented this win and a piece of first place in the South Shore League. Salerno and hard-working sophomore guard Bill Kurtz topped the scoring with 16 points apiece, despite the fact that each played only half the game. Keating added 15 on a fancy assortment of inside moves, fast breaks and tip-ins.

Icemen Chill Abington, Fall To Sharon

Goalie Tim O'Connell turned in a sparkling effort, and Cohasset's hockey team repulsed Abington, 4-2, last week.

Abington had its chances, including a clean breakaway on O'Connell who made a spectacular save to thwart the attempt.

"He's played real good hockey for us," said Cohasset Coach Ed McDermott of his

goalie. "We gave him some more help in our end, but he did it alone on the breakaway."

Cohasset took the lead at 8:48 of the first period when Doug Dillon fed Phil Drago for a goal.

Abington evened the mark at 11:23 of the same period.

Then even with a man edge on three occasions, Abington still couldn't make its power play pay off.

At 2:12 of the second period, Joe Durkin found the range for the Skippers' second marker, and Larry Evans whizzed in a slapshot on a solo dash at 6:58 to let Cohasset move to a 3-1 lead.

Abington moved within a goal at 2:20 of the third period hereupon Evans got an insurance goal in the same period.

Dom Campedelli had three assists, and in addition to Matt Brown on defense, Dillon and Tim Smith as penalty killers, drew plaudits from their coach.

Cohasset improved its record to 2-1 in the South Shore League and 3-4 overall while Abington dropped to 1-1-2 in the SSL and 4-3-2 overall.

Playing out of its league class, Cohasset's hockey team dropped a 6-2 decision to Hingham last week, but only when the Harbormen came from behind with five last period goals.

Gymnasts Just**Top Norwell**

Cohasset's gymnastic team took a close meet from Norwell last week, 74.95-74.65.

Karen Ekberg took a first, second and third to lead the Skipper win.

She finished first in floor exercise with teammate Nancy Walls runnerup; a second in bars and third in balance beam.

Other Skipper points came from Margie Frederickson, who won the balance beam as Pat Meehan took second.

addition to boasting the two four scorers in the Old Colony League and in Tony Messina the third highest scorer in EMass.

Cohasset got on the board with two second period goals by Doug Dillon and Richie Young. Young assisted on Dillon's goal and Joe Durkin on Young's.

CHS Girls Comeback Shades Holbrook, 49-44

Cohasset girls hoopsters surged in the final period for a comeback win over Holbrook, 49-44, last week.

Holbrook led at intermission 26-25, and clung to a three-point edge after three periods.

But Cohasset went to a full-court press, and Diane Maloney found a hot hand to lead a rally that pulled out the decision. Maloney led the scoring with 19 points backed by 14 from Ellen McCarthy, who also hauled in 13 rebounds and Jody Sandblom who had 13 rebounds and six points.

Cohasset evened its record at 3-3.

Behind a balanced scoring attack, Coach Bill Gerety's NHS girls basketball team pinned a 67-42 loss on Cohasset last week.

Between them, Lisa Blanc and Amy Dempsey poured in 25 points for the Clippers sixth win of the season.

Blanc finished as high scorer with 13 points but only one more than Dempsey compiled while Pam O'Reilly, Jane Mackin and Mary Connolly each had eight points in the Norwell attack.

Cohasset high scorer was Kate Salerno, who hooped 10 points.

The Clippers now stand 6-1 in the South Shore League whereas Cohasset's record dipped to 3-4.

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